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Dear Sirs,

I am writing regarding the new guidelines on bio-engineered foods. I believe it is imperative that GMO foods be safety tested. There is no evidence that these types of food products are safe and it is irresponsible to assume they are safe until proven otherwise by the consumers.

Most importantly, I believe GMO foods should be clearly labeled as containing genetically modified products. This is an issue of consumer choice. Some consumers may have religious or ethical reasons for not wanting to consume genetically modified food products. Some consumers may be allergic to some of the components in GMO foods and so for health reasons need to know which foods contain them. If it is possible for food manufacturers to label candy bars which might contain peanut particles to protect the health of consumers who are allergic to peanuts, it is certainly possible and appropriate for manufacturers to label GMO foods as such.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

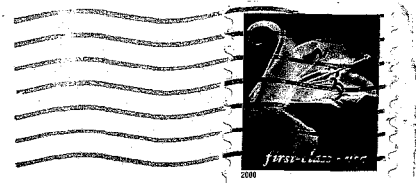


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